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Finsterwalde Airfield

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23 September 1953

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REMARKS

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2. Between 20 and 25 August, the status of the air force installations in Finsterwalde was as follows:

Installation No 1, fully occupied, motor vehicle traffic was light, trucks [redacted] were identified. A few officers were seen.

Installation No 3, occupied by about 200 air force personnel.

Installation No 4, used as a hospital.

Installation No 5, occupied by 10 to 15 men only; no activity was observed in the repair shop.

Installation No 6, no occupation was observed.

Installation No 7, kommandatura; the utility shops were dissolved.

Installation No 8, occupied by 10 officers and 50 EM; 8 to 10 trucks were parked in sheds in the yard.

Installation No 9, occupied to capacity by officers' dependents. 2

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3. On 25 and 26 August, four ground attack aircraft which had arrived from the direction of Finsterwalde practiced attacks against ground targets over Lake Schwieloch and the area of the Lieberose troop training grounds.

4. Between 4 and 5:30 p.m. on 2 September 1953, Il-10s made local training flights at the field.

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1. Comment. Finsterwalde airfield is occupied by the ground attack regiment which had previously been stationed in Reinsdorf. For the first time on 5 August, Il-10s of unknown assignment. the ground attack regiment from Reinsdorf had moved to Finsterwalde. rail shipments from Justerbog to Finsterwalde on 6 and 8 August. The motorvehicle at the field belong to the air force

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2. Comment. The occupation of Installations Nos 3 through 9 has apparently not changed. The utilization of Installation No 1 is still unknown. Previously, this installation housed the headquarters of the bomber corps, which was carried as still being stationed there after the bomber regiments had moved to other fields. The present report does not indicate whether the bomber corps headquarters is still stationed in Finsterwalde. Moreover the whereabouts of the ground attack corps headquarters which moved from the Falkensee restricted area to Finsterwalde on 12 August, is still unknown.

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